

Readiness offers tips, reminders for upcoming inspection

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As we get ready to show the Pacific Air Forces Inspector General that the Wolf Pack is indeed the best fighter wing in the U.S. Air Force, it is essential that we all understand the procedures that are in place to allow the wing to operate in a chemical environment. Our knowledge of these procedures will impress the IG, and potentially save your life should we be called on to fight.

Pre-attack actions – Study your January 2001 8th Fighter Wing Ability to Survive and Operate Guide and learn the Kunsan way of doing business. In particular, learn Chapter 8 of the ATSO Guide, paying special attention to the sections on “split Mission-Oriented Protective Postures,” or MOPP, and “movement.” These sections outline in detail how to move about the base and traveling between clean and contaminated chemical zones.

Trans-attack actions – During the attack itself in Alarm Blue, the main goal is survival. To survive you need to seek overhead cover. If in a vehicle, remain inside the vehicle (for missile attacks). If indoors, remain there. If you are caught outdoors, try to take cover anywhere pos-

sible. If you have a rain poncho, quickly don it after donning your gas mask—it will help keep the liquid chemical off your suit.

Post-attack actions – The Wolf Pack will begin recovery operations as soon as the attack is over. For chemical attacks, there is significant risk of falling chemicals during the first hour, which is why there is limited warrior movement during the first hour after attack. Initially, nuclear, biological and chemical reconnaissance teams, airfield damage assessment teams and facility sweep teams will check for damage and chemical contamination. Again, the goal is to minimize exposure-efficient placement of M-8 paper, and combined sweep teams can greatly reduce the number of personnel who become contaminated.

After sweep teams, the commander will approve limited movement to perform mission-critical tasks. Warriors who need to move during Alarm Black must first get approval from their unit control centers, then the survival recovery center and up the chain of command to the commander.

Once all chemical contamination has been identified, split MOPP is implemented, which divides the base into clean and contaminated chemical zones.



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Staff Sgt. Jason Rootes and Tech. Sgt. Brian Hosken, both from the 8th Communications Squadron, perform sweeps for unexploded ordnances around their building after an attack.

Split MOPP is used to return the “clean” part of the base to MOPP 2 as fast as possible to maximize sortie generation.

A contamination control area will be set up on the border of the clean/dirty zones. People who are caught outside during the first hour after attack in a contaminated zone must process through the CCA before MOPP levels can be reduced. UCCs will notify their personnel when to process.

If contaminated, finish the mission and then process through the CCA when

directed.

If in extended Alarm Black operations, the commander will approve shift changes after the first hour has passed and all unexploded ordnances have been cordoned. Again, in order to do shift changes during Alarm Black, units must first get approval from the Wolf.

These policies were designed to protect warriors—the most important assets—as the Pack prepares to Defend the Base, Accept Follow-on Forces and Take the Fight North.



Warriorscopes



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Capricorn, it's up to you to know what to do when a fellow Wolf Pack warrior starts to show signs of nerve agent poisoning. Mild symptoms are difficulty seeing, a runny nose, tightness in the chest, drooling, headaches, sweating, muscle-twitching, stomach cramps and nausea.

Remember to use the victim's own antidotes and save yours for yourself. Not sure how to treat the victim? Look at Page 10-1 in the January 2001 edition of the Kunsan Ability to Survive and Operate Guide or Page 124 in the Airman's Manual.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) – Aquarius, one of the best ways to protect yourself from injury during an attack is to take shelter because most injuries are from flying shrapnel and debris. While traveling, be on the look out for places to take shelter. If overhead protection is not close by, lie face down flat on the ground. Avoid any targets such as vehicles and aircraft.

For more information look on Page 79 in the Airman's Manual.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) – The Operational Readiness Inspection has you so nervous Pisces, people might think you've been exposed to a nerve agent. Relax, Pisces. Even if you know the procedures and the answer to an input, there's no harm in referring to your ATSO guide or your Airman's Manual.

Aries (March 21 - April 29) – One problem Aries has is letting people take advantage of your good nature, especially the media. If reporters call asking for information, kindly direct them to public affairs at 782-4705 during peacetime, or 782-4705

during exercises. Even the smallest piece of information can be used against the team.

Taurus (April 30 - May 20) – Taurus, no one likes violence, but it's no excuse not to call in that suspicious character you saw on your way to work. Don't assume someone else will make the call. You may have seen something someone else didn't. Give a SALUTE report to your Unit Control Center and you could deter violence in your area.

You will find the SALUTE procedures on Page 3-1 in the ATSO guide or Page 76 in the Airman's Manual.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) – Gemini, Even though you love the spotlight and love getting attention, it's not always a good thing with opposing forces lurking about. Remember to keep a low profile, be unpredictable by varying your route, time and modes of travel, and above all, stay alert.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) – You may be a bit touchy and crabby, Cancer. It's natural in high-stress situations. Be sure you vent your stress properly before taking it out on someone who does not deserve it. Try listening to relaxing music or watching television. If you're at work, try taking deep breaths.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) – Many warriors admire Leos for their determination. They're determined to fight, do what is right, except at night. As determined as you are to get to work or your room, there's no excuse for not wearing your reflective belt when it's dark.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) – Virgo loves order

and hygiene, which could explain why you dislike sloppiness and anything hazardous to your health, such as trash. Remind others to clean up after themselves and not to litter. Leaving trash signals your presence to the enemy and also attracts rodents, insects and bacteria.

If others won't follow your lead, Virgo, tell warriors to refer to Page 48 in the Airman's Manual for noise, light and litter discipline.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) – Libras are passionate and persistent. However, don't persist on continuing to a clean zone after leaving a contaminated zone without processing through the contamination control area.

To find out more information about the CCA, read Page 124 in the Airman's Manual or participate in the ATSO Machine Monday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. noon or 2 p.m. at the football field.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) – Scorpio looks out for others, but remember to save yourself first if you start showing signs of being affected by nerve agent. Also, remember not to use your own nerve agent auto-injectors on someone else.

For more information about using auto-injectors, read Chapter 10 in the ATSO Guide.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) – Sagittarius, you're a great warrior and co-worker since you seem to be by Lady Luck's companion. However, there are situations where Lady Luck can't save you, such as finding an unexploded ordnance. Mark off the area around the device and call your UCC.

Look on Page 6-1 in the ATSO guide for UXO reporting procedures or Page 105 in the Airman's Manual.